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SUBJECT: OPEC CONSULTATIONS: KUWAITI OIL MINISTER VISITS SAUDI
ARABIA

1. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE GOK MINISTER OF OIL SHAIKH ALI
KHALIFA AL-SABAH VISITED TAIF, SAUDI ARABIA BRIEFLY AUGUST
15. NEWSPAPERS HERE ADMIT THAT SUBJECTS HE DISCUSSED HAVE NOT
BEEN DISCLOSED, BUT KUWAIT TIMES AUGUST 17 CARRIES REPORTS
FROM "INFORMED SOURCES" THAT SHAIKH ALI CONFERRED WITH SAUDI
CROWN PRINCE FAHD AND MINPET YAMANI ON THE NECESSITY OF AN
EMERGENCY OPEC MEETING.

2. CITING OTHER, UNNAMED SOURCES, THE TIMES SAYS THE
TALKS FOCUSED ON WHETHER OPEC PRICES SHOULD BE RAISED
FOR THE LAST QUARTER OF 1978. IT IS ALSO REPORTED THAT KUWAIT
AND SAUDI ARABIA AGREE THAT OIL PRICES SHOULD BE RAISED AT
A RATE OF TWO OR THREE PERCENT EVERY THREE MONTHS, INSTEAD OF BY
"AN ACROSS-THE-BOARD TEN PERCENT HIKE FOR 1979."

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3. COMMENT: FROM THIS PERSPECTIVE, IT SEEMS REASONABLE TO
CONCLUDE THAT SHAIKH ALI KHALIFA WAS TESTING POSSIBLY NEW
SAUDI WILLINGNESS TO CONTEMPLATE AN OPEC MEETING, PRIOR
TO THE REGULAR, DECEMBER MEETING, AT WHICH THE INTRODUCTION
OF A CURRENCY BASKET AND/OR A PRICE INCREASE WOULD

BE APPROVED.

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